**Wagner \$95 \$ plants\$ one-of-a-kind \$ Glass Lily Garden\$ in Michigan gallery exhibition** 7/21/15



"Glass Lily Garden," a solo exhibition "planted" by April Wagner, AU Class of 1995, is "growing" at the North Campus Research Complex at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, through Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2015. The exhibition features a variety of glass lilies in vibrant colors displayed in both exhibition cases and on the wall.

There will be a closing reception for the exhibit Wednesday, Sept. 9 from 5-7 p.m., in the Building 18 Lobby. "Glass Lily Garden" is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. The gallery is at 2800 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. For more information, please visit: <u>http://ncrc.cms.si.umich.edu</u>

April is an award-winning glass artist and the owner of epiphany studio in Pontiac, MI. She explains, "In college I discovered molten glass as a material. It was love at first sight and in the 24 years since, nothing has changed. Glass captivates me with its seductive allure. In my work I try to capture the fluidity and grace of the glass without overtooling and marring it. The physical act of creating glass, taking raw material and breathing life into it, defines my place in the universe. Using this material requires skills that take years to master and I am somewhere in the middle of my journey."

April welcomes visitors to epiphany studio, where she makes a range of functional glass, as well as sculptural works bridging both fine and decorative art. General public hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.